

Wedge-tailed Eagle Capturing Live Prey.—Recently I was treated to a direct observation of a capture of a live rabbit by a Wedge-tailed Eagle (*Uroaetus audax*). The scene was a large flat of about 50 acres situated below a quite steep hill from the top of which I was watching. The eagle was flying at low level and doing the most amazing twists and turns, its wings seeming almost to scrape the ground. The quarry, a rabbit, with the hill and friendly rocks in sight, was also putting up a wonderful show of twisting and dodging. The end came when the rabbit panicked and turned away from the hill. With a sudden pounce the eagle clutched its screaming prey and carried it off to a nearby gum tree to have its meal.

—R. P. McMILLAN, "Glendearg," Bejoording.

Mulga Parrot Reflection.—On April 5, 1948, at Caron, I watched a cock Mulga Parrot (*Psephotus varius*) fly 11 times to a window, touching the window on several occasions and once or twice making a futile attempt to alight on the woodwork. Further approaches might have been made had the bird not become alarmed. I inspected the window from the position from which the bird had flown—the top of a 5,000 gallon tank three feet from the window—and found that the window mirrored a quite clear, though rather sombre, reflection. This cock was accompanied by a hen bird.

—ERIC H. SEDGWICK, Leonora.

A Silver Gull Fatality.—On a visit to Point Peron on June 23-25 I picked up a fledgling Silver Gull (*Larus novae-hollandiae*) with a young flathead (*Platycephalus*) attached by its spine to the side of the bird's beak. Apparently the fish had not been quite dead when fed to the young bird and in its death throes had embedded its barbed spine into the gull's cheek. As it was found in Shoalwater Bay it probably came from the nesting colony on Bird Island.

W. H. BUTLER, Mt. Lawley.

Flight Speeds of Bronzewing and of Galah.—While travelling by train, near Buntine, I was able to assess fairly accurately the speed of a Common Bronzewing (*Phaps chalcoptera*) at 30 m.p.h. The bird was flying in a moderate beam wind.

On an earlier occasion I estimated the speed of a flock of Galahs (*Kakatoe roseicapilla*) seen from a train at 40 m.p.h., the weather being still at the time.

—ERIC H. SEDGWICK, Leonora.

Kookaburra Drowning.—Further to my note in the May number of this journal (p. 91), I found another dead Kookaburra (*Dacelo gigas*) in a new trough on May 28, 1950. Though this had been dead a day or two I was able to examine it and found it to be a male with testes measuring 2.9 x 1.4 mm. The plumage, which lacked the bright blue of adults, and the size of the testes gave me the impression that this bird was immature.

—ANGUS ROBINSON, Coolup.